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Illinois EPA beginning cleanup of environmental hazard site

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Major cleanup of the former Chemetco plant has begun.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is at the copper smelting plant today to oversee removal of the large manifolds from the building's roof.

It is a major step in cleaning up the plant, which closed almost 10 years ago and later filed for bankruptcy. The site, located off Illinois 3 in Hartford, had along history of pollution and environmental violations, leaving waste products such as zinc oxide.

On March 2, 2010, the site was placed on the National Priorities List. The remaining demolition should be completed by the end of the year.

For more on the story, read the News-Democrat Wednesday or go to www.bnd.com.

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